

Brentwood Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes 6.5.23

Mac Bonafede, Bob Rossman, Robert Span, Kristin Aldred, Jon Morgan, Stefanie Kizza, Doug Finan

Morgan opened the meeting at 6:05.

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 3, 2023. Finan motioned to approve, Aldred seconds, all in favor.

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 22, 2023. Finan motioned to approve, Rossman seconds, all in favor.

Taryn Merrill of Fresh AF Bakery spoke with the Board regarding her business and relocating from Kingston to Brentwood. Merrill is looking at converting the old Mitchell Animal Hospital to a bakery, possibly with a few seats in and/or outdoors. Merrill and the property owner met with the Planning Board on Thursday, June 1. The Economic Development Committee thanked Merrill for her time and let her know if there is anything they can do to support her relocation to Brentwood to please reach out.

The Board discussed their upcoming meeting and event schedule. Tentative dates for meetings, the final community engagement workshop public presentation and the next Brentwood Business Breakfast were all discussed. The next meeting will be July 10th due to the upcoming holidays. The date and time for the next breakfast was set for Wednesday, September 13th at 8am. The Board discussed guest speakers, Chuck Morse, Janet Stevens and Taylor Caswell were all mentioned. Morgan will reach out to Chuck Morse and Taylor Caswell first in an attempt to keep the breakfast business oriented. The Board also considered having a small panel of speakers. The Board also mentioned Tim Roache and Dave Walker, the Executive Director and Assistant Director of Rockingham Planning Commission.

Morgan discussed a potential presentation for October, Brentwood 2035, and asked the Board members for their input and ideas. Aldred discussed taking photos of aspects of other towns that people may like, similar to RPC asking the Planning Board to take pictures of housing the Town may want to support, as well as housing the Town would not support. Bonafede recommended a design contest. Finan would like to get some insight from some younger residents of Brentwood.

Finan motioned to adjourn, Kizza seconds, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7pm.